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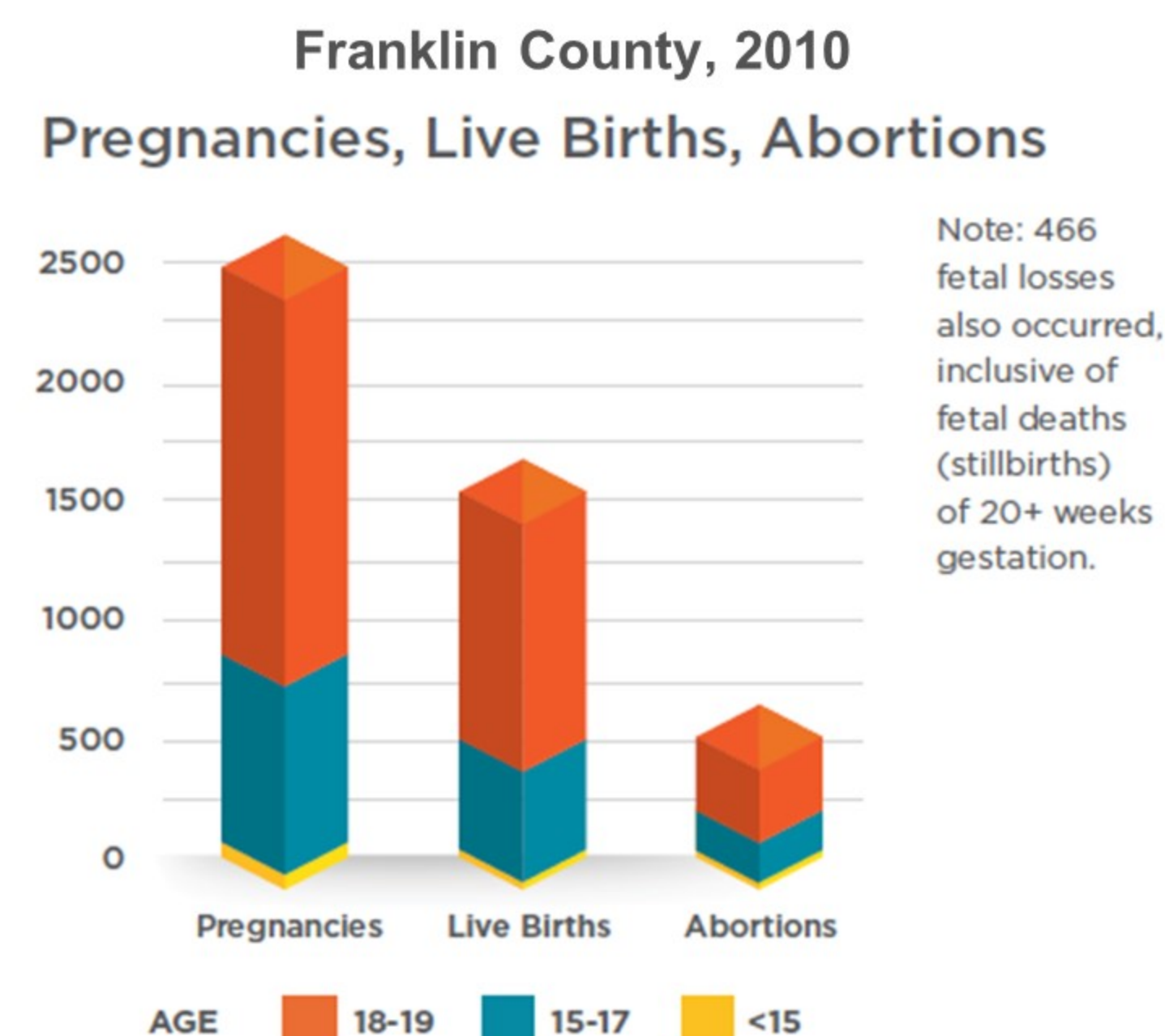
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Franklin County Teen Pregnancy

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Abstract

- Since 2007, advocating for and serving Franklin County pregnant and parenting teens (PPT).
- Managing an 11 organization/15 program service collaborative – Healthy Families Connection (HFC)
- Assessing impact on lives of PPT as progress toward 6 outcomes.
- Conducting studies and surveys.
- Promoting community standards of service to PPT.



6 Outcomes

- Healthy baby (37+ wks./ 5.5+ lbs.)
- No additional pregnancies (within 24 mos. of last birth/in teen yrs.)
- Safe living situation (no family violence/12+ mos. reliable housing)
- H.S. graduation (within 18 mos. of scheduled graduation)
- Participation in employment enhancing education/training (no later than 6 mos. after childbirth)
- Healthy and supportive relationships (1+ relationship w/adult positive role model)
- New or improved parenting skills (change in 1+ of six select skills)

Proposition

- PPT need advocates to help them identify resources, support and services to transition into successful adults.
- A comprehensive, coordinated service system that effectively meets the many and diverse needs of PPT would best serve our community, teens and families.

Key Data Points

- About 60% of teen pregnancies result in live births
- Teen live births decreased from 2007 to 2015 from 1,788 to 962 (1,891 high; 1,343 median)
- About 70% of teen births are to older teens (18-19 yrs. of age)
- Whites and Blacks almost equally account for over 90% of teen live births and Hispanic teens account for 10%
- Teen females comprise 13% of FC female population and 9% of all live births
- Almost 80% of teen live births were to females residing in 16 of 47 zip codes
- Annual estimates are that about 5,200 teen females are pregnant or parenting

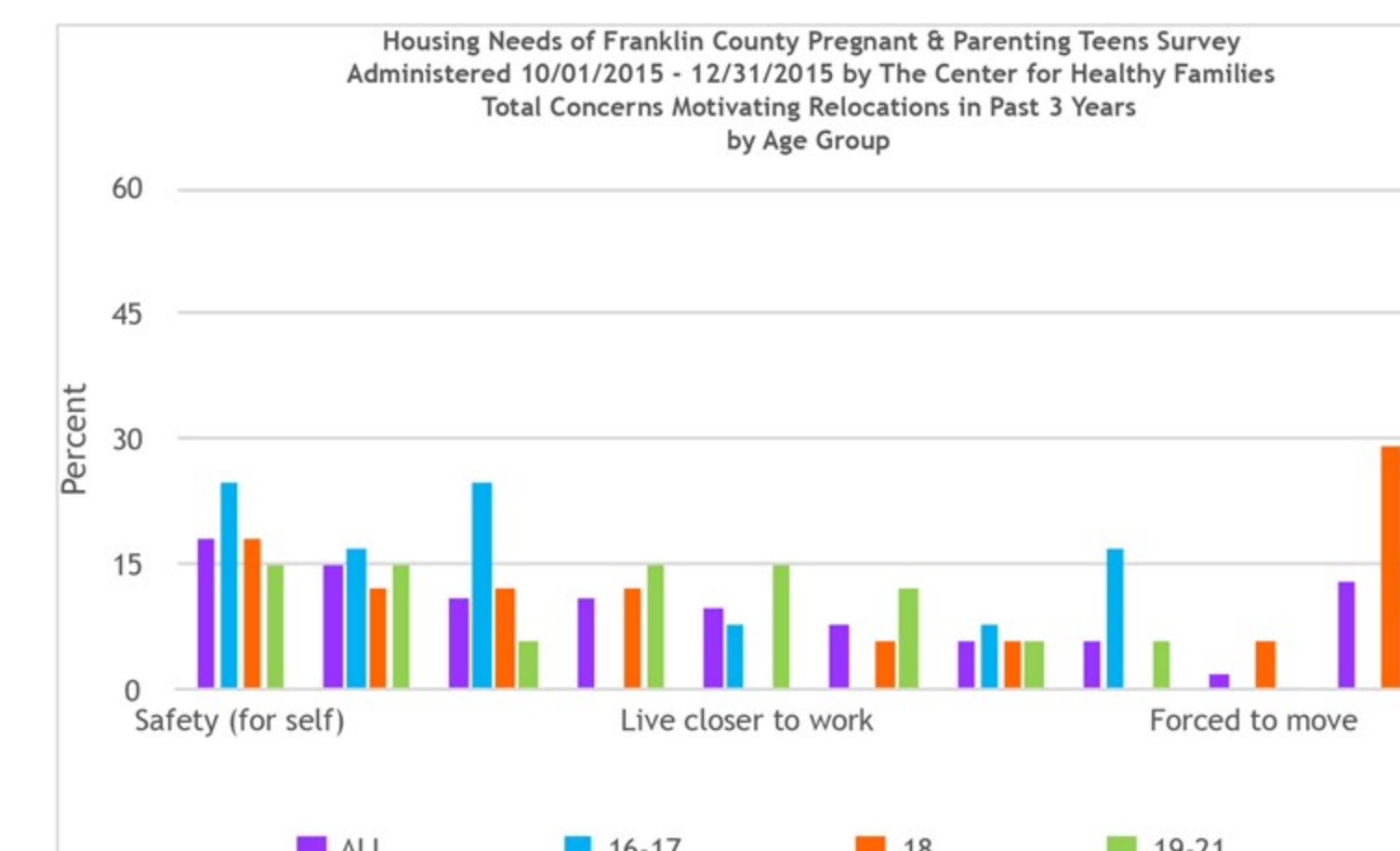
PY2015 Results

69% of referrals result in program candidates. 94% of candidates result in entrants to up to 24-month program. Rate of positive outcomes for 61 who exit program: 94% have healthy baby; 69% avoid additional pregnancy; 78% show educational progress; 86% have healthy, supportive relationships; and 91% demonstrate new or improved parenting skills. Group services to 53 result in 95% have healthy baby and 91% show educational progress.

Change Priority

- Improve outreach to PPT and their families
- Reduce incidence of teen pregnancy
- Increase involvement of pregnant teens in prenatal care beginning in first trimester
- Eliminate unmet basic needs of PPT
- Reduce infant mortality associated with PPT
- Reduce sexually transmitted disease in PPT and improve access to needed treatment
- Reduce substance abuse by PPT and improve access to needed treatment
- Deliver services that meet the six CHF-defined individual outcomes to more PPT

Housing Needs of Franklin County Pregnant and Parenting Teens Survey
Administered 10/01/2015 - 12/31/2015



- Advocate for housing alternatives accessible to needy PPT who are 16 to 21 years old
- Advocate for standards of care for medical, education, and social services provided to PPT by a larger and more integrated system of care
- Share accurate and relevant data and other information about FC teen pregnancy

Methods

- Direct and integrated service
- In-depth field survey interviews
- Focus groups
- Case study analyses
- Quantitative data presentation
- Customized resource inventory
- Mapping
- Integrating proprietary with community studies
- Needs assessment surveys
- Monitoring individual outcomes

Partners



❖ Primary Community Referral Sources

Columbus City Schools
TaPP, Nationwide Children's Life Skills Center
The Academy for Urban Scholars
FC Children's Services
14 other organizations

Credits

- Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
- Community Research Partners
- Sharon D. Sachs, Ph.D.
- Nationwide Foundation
- American Electric Power Foundation
- The Columbus Foundation



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